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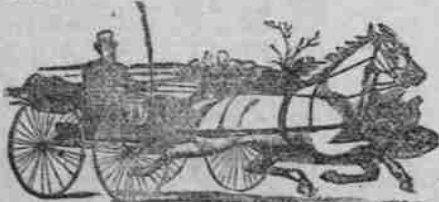
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## SHOVING THE QUEER

Great Bend Flooded With Counterfeit Coin of the Realm.

The Authorities On the Alert and Two Arrests Made and More Likely to Follow Soon.



PASSING counterfeit coin has been carried on so industriously in Great Bend for some time past that the town is flooded with spurious coins of the denominations of 10, 25 and 50 cents. Every merchant has them in his till, and they have doubtless passed into the pockets of the country people to a considerable amount. In appearance this "queer" money is almost equal to the genuine, but to the touch the coins have a peculiar "sickness" lacking in the genuine, and when thrown on a hard surface they give forth a dull thud that may be likened to a cud of tobacco striking a stone pavement. The coins are composed of lead and antimony, while some specimens are so soft that they may be bent between the thumb and finger. A plating of silver completed a coin that readily passed muster in the hurry of business—and they are everywhere.

About a week ago the authorities came into the possession of knowledge that led them to believe that the coin was manufactured right here in Great Bend and the suspected parties were placed under close surveillance.

On Wednesday Sheriff Spencer took out the necessary papers and searched the house of M. Fosberg, in the southeast part of the city. Some of the counterfeit money was found on Fosberg's person, but he claimed that he came to it in the regular line of business, which may be true. The officers found metal, chemicals and everything necessary to carry on a counterfeiting business in Fosberg's house, with the exception of the stamps and dies. Fosberg is by profession a plater of gold and silverware and came here from Ohio about the middle of last summer. He was placed under arrest Saturday night and locked up.

Jack Frey, an account of whose misfortunes will be found elsewhere, is also retained on the same charge, and they will have a hearing to-morrow.

Later developments may implicate one or two other parties.

Leo Chapman is in Kansas City.

O. V. Devine, the Heizer agent is taking a lay off.

Frank Pyle has charge of the Spencer livery barn.

W. M. Davis left Saturday for Tacoma, to visit a son.

Dr. Dunn and Charles Grant of Ellinwood were in the city Tuesday.

The water mains have been flushed and are now in first class condition.

Dr. Phillips, the eye specialist, had an unusually busy engagement here this week.

Cashier Balfour, formerly of the Santa Fe here, now has charge of the Ness City station.

Not a conviction was made in the Topeka or Wichita liquor cases. Out on the prohibition farce!

Miss Lillian Caro entertained a number of her young friends Friday evening in a pleasant manner.

Steven Batchelor of Iowa visited J. K. Humphrey, his uncle, last Friday, enroute home from California.

Mr. Robertson the new Santa Fe agent is getting along very smoothly and is making a very favorable impression on our people.

The young people of the Congregational church give an entertainment tomorrow night at the church, to which all are invited. Admission 10c.

O. A. Martin went to Ness City on business Monday.

Frank Nelson returned from Oklahoma last Thursday.

G. A. Garwood of north Independent, was in town Saturday.

WANTED—A pig; highest market price allowed. Call at this office.

Mrs. Anna Chapman and son Eddie of Larned visited in the city this week.

J. E. Lemon, a Missouri Pacific conductor was a guest of J. Raser last week.

Mrs. Pete Douerty of Byram, Okla., was a guest of Mrs. C. E. Castle on Monday.

J. L. Bryant, of near Dubuque, was down to the county seat on business Saturday.

John Chapman has moved to town from Clarence township and will conduct the Richie livery barn. His family occupy the Don Dodge property.

Miss Kittie Snow, daughter of Mrs. T. H. Butler of this city, has been appointed court stenographer by Judge Vandivert, of the Kinsley district.

Phillip Keener aged 27 years, son of Jacob Keener, died at the family home near Heizer, Sunday evening, of typhoid fever, and was buried on Tuesday.

Edward Wheeler, a student at the college, had an ankle broken so badly on Tuesday while wrestling that he will be a cripple for life. His home is in Lakin.

Larned Eagle-Optic: Louie Mojonier has shipped his household goods to Los Angeles, Cal., and will leave here with his photograph outfit for that city in about ten days to remain during the winter.

Items of interest are very scarce. There is an immense amount of grip; almost every person is suffering with sore throat and a cold in the head. It is grip. Camphor and quinine is said to be an excellent remedy.

Antone Linsner of Odin on Saturday made final proof on lots 1 and 2 and the east half of the northwest quarter of section 18, township 17, south range twelve, before the probate judge.

Quite a number of country teachers Sundayed in the city, among them being J. H. Hall of Albert, Prof. and Mrs. Hamilton of Pawnee Rock, Leon Roberts of Galatia and S. C. Emley of Holsington.

A new German M. E. church will be dedicated at Otis on the 22d of this month. The people have built a very neat and commodious frame church building and the organization gives promise of a successful career. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the dedication services.

D. Hall, of the Great Bend creamery was awarded the gold watch offered as a prize by the State Dairy association for the best butter exhibited at the recent meeting at Newton. Mrs. Hall also won a gold watch and a \$15 cash prize for the highest score on dairy butter. The creamery is an industry that is doing great good to the community, paying out \$50 a day to our farmers.

### The Dubuque School.

To the Editors of the DEMOCRAT:

In the DEMOCRAT of November 18 there appeared an article signed by V. Kramer that does a great injustice to the teacher in district No. 98. I cannot see how the teacher, Miss Wells, or the school board either, or anyone else, for that matter, can be blamed for the unfortunate accident that befel Mr. Kramer's son. The accident occurred before school hours in the morning and the teacher can in no way be blamed for it. It sounds ridiculous to me—the idea of a school board, or a teacher, even, standing guard over a crowd of very rough boys at play. Boys will be boys, and while we all deplore Mr. Kramer's successive misfortunes we think he should exonerate Miss Wells at least from any blame in the matter. She was in no way responsible. CITIZEN.

Dubuque, Kan., Dec. 9.

## THAT TIRED FEELING

It Takes Possession of Jack Frey and He Attempts Suicide.

But a Stomach Pump, Vigorously Applied Saves Him for Trial On a Grave Charge.



AN almost tragic affair that was probably brought about by the search of the premises of Marshall Fosburg, was the attempted suicide of J. F. Frey on the day following. Frey, who is a robust man about 45 years of age, came to this city about a year ago from Jetmore and opened a joint on lower Main street. He has been out of business the past two months and of late has been very despondent. On Thursday he purchased five grains of morphine and took it at one dose, telling his wife what he had done. She summoned a physician and the prompt use of a stomach pump saved Frey's life. He has since been in jail. Frey has told numerous parties of late that he was tired of life and made several unsuccessful attempts to purchase poison at our drug stores. In the rear room of the building where Frey conducted his joint, Sheriff Spencer found a glass of carbolic acid and whisky, and there is no doubt but that Frey had mixed the dose to take, but decided on a less painful death. Frey was at one time a leading merchant of Jetmore and a man of considerable influence and wealth. There are many sensational rumors afloat in regard to Frey's past life, but they lack verification. Frey and Fosburg were intimate and the general impression seems to be that if one of them has any connection with the counterfeiting business the other is equally guilty.

What has become of our band?

Will Kelley was out on the branch Thursday on business.

Will Osmond attended the appellate court at Garden City last week.

Leo Bockemuhl and wife of Ellinwood were in the city Thursday.

C. C. Platt of Oklahoma visited his sister, Mrs. D. C. Luse, a few days last week.

Miss Sadie McCauley, a handsome and accomplished Holsington lady, was a visitor in the city Monday.

J. W. A. Cooke is in Chicago this week and Charley Hobart is running the Clafin Leader for him.

Nickerson Record: J. D. Wiener has old out his interest in the Leader Dry Goods company of Hutchinson, and will retire from the same in January.

The Great Bend fire department has been reorganized under the laws of the state, and will now share in any benefits accruing to fire companies in the state. A sick and disabled fund has been established.

Ed Winterburg went to La Junta Thursday to resume his old position in the round house. He will remain at that place until spring, after which he returns to Alaska for an indefinite period.

Do you realize the fact that in thirteen more days Christmas will be here? Listen to your children's evening prayers and you'll get an inkling of what they want. Then read the ads in the DEMOCRAT and learn where to buy.

The new school house in district 68 will be completed and ready for occupancy about January 1. This is the unfortunate district that was divided and has been without a school house for a year past. We are glad to learn that they will now have one of the best school buildings in the county, with Mrs. Lizzie Brown as teacher.